

Growing Smarter Grant Program

The Growing Smarter Act, approved by voters in November 1998, authorizes the State Parks Board to award grant monies from the Arizona Land Conservation Fund for the conservation of open spaces within or near urban communities. This fund makes available \$20 million annually during the Fiscal Years 2001-2011. Upon advisement of the Conservation Acquisition Board, the Parks Board may award grants from the Land Conservation Fund to eligible applicants to acquire or lease State Trust lands that have been reclassified as suitable for conservation purposes.

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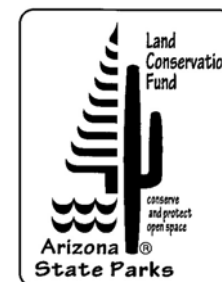
Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Grant Application Workshop

Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Program

Arizona Land Conservation Fund for FY 2008 Revenues

**Applications Due by:
Friday,
May 30, 2008**



Workshop Format

Arizona State Parks will conduct a Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition grant workshop to provide instructions on the completion and submittal of applications for Land Conservation Fund monies. Program requirements and procedures as well as the rating criteria used to prioritize acceptable grant applications will be discussed.

****Applicants for future grant cycles are encouraged to attend, as the Arizona Preserve Initiative & Growing Smarter timeline of events for preserving open space will also be presented.**

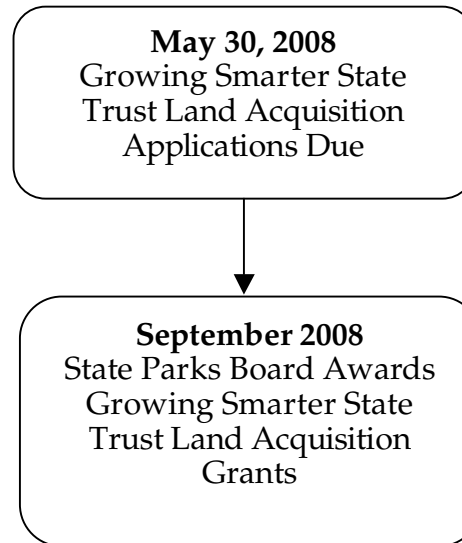
Application packets for Fiscal Year 2008 are provided at the workshop and are also available by contacting:

Doris Pulsifer
Chief of Grants
(602) 542 – 7127 or
dpulsifer@azstateparks.gov

Applications are due in the Phoenix office of State Parks by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2008. Faxed or electronically mailed copies of grant applications will *not* be accepted.

Grant Awards Process

The Arizona State Parks Board is expected to announce Growing Smarter grant awards in September 2008. The final award of all grant monies is made if the grant award recipient is the highest and best bidder for the parcel of State Trust land at public auction.



In future grant cycles, the Arizona State Land Department requests that the application for sale or lease be filed in August.



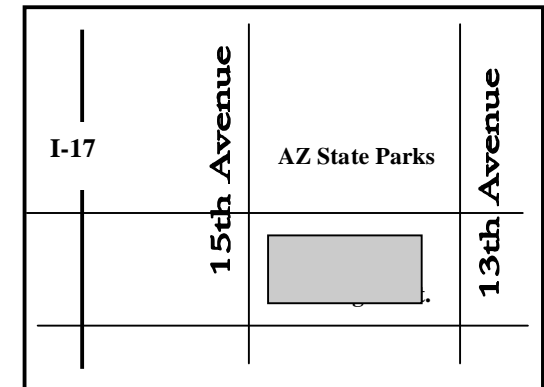
Workshop Date & Location

Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Program of the Arizona Land Conservation Fund

Phoenix

Wednesday, March 19, 2008
10 A.M.

Arizona State Parks
Board Room - Basement
1300 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007



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